



The Beginning

The Moline Preservation Society (MPS) was founded in the Spring of 1986 by a group of concerned citizens who organized in an attempt to prevent the demolition of the City's historic Huntoon House. Built in 1858 by Joseph Huntoon, this beautifully preserved Italianate building contained many treasures, including original hand-painted ceilings by Swedish artist Frank Lundahl. Despite the best efforts of the newly-formed group, the owners of the property chose to demolish the home to make way for a modern addition to a neighboring structure. Although the Huntoon House and the history it contained were lost, a strong Moline Preservation Society emerged as a result.

The Constitution

The Society's constitution states that the purpose of the association shall be as follows:

1. To educate the public about historic preservation information and techniques.
2. To research the history of buildings and sites and determine their historical significance.
3. To register significant historical places with local, state and federal authorities.
4. To make possible historic preservation within the community.
5. To collect donations for use to help preserve historical properties both publically and privately held which will have public access.

The Meetings

The MPS meets monthly (except July and August). A news-letter is mailed out with upcoming events and news. An elected board meets monthly to plan general meetings and coordinate the group's various committees.

The Group

MPS Members come from all walks of life. Our membership consists of teachers, architects, engineers, small business owners, homemakers, nurses, retirees, doctors, artists, blue collar workers, salespeople, students and many others. We consider the variety of personalities, ages and talents to be one of the greatest strengths of our group. Membership is not restricted to citizens of Moline, and individuals from all over the Quad Cities are welcome to join. Our only requirement for membership is a desire to learn about and preserve the architectural integrity of Moline for future generations.

If you are interested in helping to preserve Moline's architecture and history for future generations, please consider joining the Moline Preservation Society by completing this application for membership and mail to the address below.
Annual dues: \$15.00 per person/\$5.00 per student.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

E-mail: _____

No membership, but I wish to make a donation to the Society \$ _____